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In re application of:

) SHIELDED CONNECTOR OF
) REDUCED-SIZE WITH IMPROVED
) RETENTION CHARACTERISTICS

Tomisaburo Yamaguchi et al.

) Examiner: F. Figueroa

Serial No. 09/660,888

) Group Art Unit: 2833

Filed: September 13, 2000

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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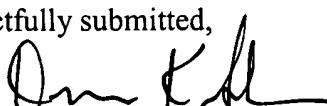
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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 31, 2001 in connection with the above-designated application.